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SUBJECT: FOOD LABELING LAWS IN SELECTED FOREIGN COUNTRIES

REF: STATE 181148

1. USINT CONTACTED GOI STATE ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD INDUSTRIES
TO DISCUSS GOI POLICY/LEGISLATION IN SUBJECT AREA. FOLLOWING
REPOSSES ARE KEYED TO NUMBER QUESTIONS, PARA 3, REFTTEL.

(1) IRAQ HAS NO LEGISLATION OR DETAILED REGULATIONS FOR
FOOD LABELING. THE ONLY REQUIRED ELEMENT OF INFORMATION ON
LOCALLY PRODUCED CONTAINER LABELS IS THAT THE PRICE BE STATED.
NUTRITION LABELING IS NOT USED, NOR IS OPEN DATING. ONLY THE
MAJOR INGREDIENT IS SHOWN ON THE LABEL AND ADDITIVES AND
PRESERVATIVES ARE NOT LISTED. NEW WEIGHT IS RARELY SHOWN BUT
STANDARD CONTAINERS ARE USED.

(2) IRAQ IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF LAWS AND
REGULATIONS IN THE AREA OF FOOD LABELING. USINT SUGGESTS
THAT DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO PROVIDE COPIES OF RELEVANT
U.S. LEGISLATION IN THESE AREAS FOR
TRANSMITTAL TO GOI FOR USE IN DEVELOPING LEGISLATION
AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS.

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(3) EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS DO NOT SERIOUSLY
IMPEDE THE IMPORTATION OF PROCESSED FOODS FROM FOREIGN
COUNTRIES. THE MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO IMPORTATION OF U.S.-
ORIGIN FOOD PRODUCTS INTO IRAQ IS THE GOI'S STRONG ADHERENCE TO
THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. HOWEVER, SOME U.S. FOOD PRODUCTS
ARE SOLD HERE THROUGH EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS.

(4) AS BOTH FOOD PROCESSING AND IMPORTATION ARE UNDER GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL, THERE IS NO SEPARATE APPARATUS TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH FOOD LABELING LAWS. THE STATE ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD INDUSTRIES SUPERVISES STATE PRODUCING UNITS AND IMPORTS ARE CONTROLLED BY THE STATE TRADING COMPANY FOR CANNED AND PRESERVED FOOD, A DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF TRADE. PENALTIES FOR IMPROPER HANDLING OF PROCESSED FOODS NORMALLY ARE CONFINED TO WITHDRAWAL OF THE PRODUCT FROM THE MARKET, HOWEVER, IN SOME CASES SMALL PRIVATE SECTOR PLANTS HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR VIOLATION OF LABELING RULES. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS JUST CLOSED A PRIVATE SECTOR BREWERY FOR BOTTLING BEER IN GLASS BOTTLES RESERVED FOR MINHEALTH USE.

2. AS NOTED ABOVE, SOURCES OF INFORMATION WERE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN STATE ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD INDUSTRIES. IRAQI OFFICIALS PREFER NOT TO BE ADDRESSED BY NAME IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE, THEREFORE, REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT LOCALLY PROCESSED FOODSTUFFS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO STATE ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD INDUSTRIES, P.O. BOX 2301, SARA KHATOON CAMP, BAGHDAD, IRAQ; PHONE 771-5713; CABLE ADDRESS: STORINDUST BAGHDAD; TELEX: 2205 MI-IND IK. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO IMPORTED PRODUCTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: STATE TRADING COMPANY FOR CANNED AND PRESERVED FOOD, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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P.O. BOX 14122, JUMHURIYAH STREET, SHORJAH, BAGHDAD, IRAQ; PHONE: 68071; CABLE ADDRESS: CANFOOD, BAGHDAD.

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